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OUT IN THE COLD: UD STUDENTS SLEEP IN COURTYARD TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH HOMELESS

DAYTON, Ohio — The temperature dipped to 27 degrees Fahrenheit the night 14 University of Dayton students slept outside in a campus courtyard. Another 14 were driven inside by the cold, taking shelter in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus or admitting defeat and heading back to their dorms.

The sleep-out is part of Week In Solidarity with the Homeless, an awareness campaign held each February at UD. Students perform community service for local homeless shelters and soup kitchens as well as hear from homelessness experts such as police officers, health care workers and people who have been homeless.

Those who endured the sleep-out, held Thursday, Feb. 18, sought meager comfort using cardboard boxes found in campus dumpsters and blankets, caps and sweats. The sleep-out was the culmination of WISH Week, sponsored by the Center for Social Concern at UD.

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Photo information:

- Photo #1: Julia Helminiak, a University of Dayton freshman from Sheboygan, Wis., endured a cold night in a campus courtyard as part of the University's Week in Solidarity with the Homeless, an annual awareness campaign. The sleep-out was held Thursday, Feb. 18, when temperatures dropped to 27 degrees Fahrenheit. (Photo by Larry Burgess)
- Photo #2 Sheltered only by cardboard boxes, three University of Dayton students joined a campus sleep-out to raise awareness of homelessness. From left are Amanda Ahrens, a freshman from Cleveland, Ohio; Becky Wigg, a freshman from Chicago; and Sarah McNamara, a freshman from Columbus, Ohio. (Photo by Larry Burgess)
- Photo #3 Jennifer Taylor, a freshman at the University of Dayton, seeks cold comfort in cardboard boxes while taking part in a campus sleep-out designed to raise awareness of homelessness. Taylor is from Morehead, Ky. (Photo by Larry Burgess)
- Photo #4 Blankets and boxes did little to turn away the cold as University of Dayton students took part in a campus sleep-out designed to raise awareness of homelessness. Julia Helminiak, a UD freshman from Sheboygan, Wis., at left, and Julie Morgan, a freshman from Cincinnati, bundled up to beat the 27 degree Fahrenheit temperature. (Photo by Larry Burgess)
- Photo #5 A cardboard box provides shelter from the wind but little warmth for Regan Miller, a University of Dayton freshman from Chicago, as she takes part in an annual campus sleep-out to raise awareness of homelessness. (Photo by Larry Burgess)

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